THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) For Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, the State Governments provide their matching share of funds as per stipulated guidelines of these programmes. Besides this, State Governments also implement schemes for agriculture in State Plans.

(b) Before schemes of State Governments relating to agriculture are sanctioned, strategies are discussed to achieve targets laid down. These are also discussed at the time of the Rabi and Kharif Conferences.

National Targets for production of various crops for 2007-08 are as under:

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| Total Foodgrains | 221.50 Million Tonnes |
| Pulses | 15.50 Million Tonnes |
| Oilseeds | 30.00 Million Tonnes |

**Dairy and animal husbandry industry in Assam**

2014. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any policy for development of animal husbandry and dairy industry in the State of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total funds allocated and actually released and utilized by Government for the same during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) As a matter of policy, the Department earmarks 10 per cent of its Annual Plan outlay for implementation of schemes related to animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries in the North Eastern Region, including Assam.

(c) The Department does not make State-wise allocation under any scheme. However, funds are released to States on the basis of availability, viability of proposals received and past utilization by them. Details of schemes implemented in Assam for development of animal husbandry and dairying, releases made and funds utilized by the State during the last three years are given in Statement.

***Statement***

*Funds released to the State of Assam for development of animal husbandry and dairying*

(Rs. in lakh)

| SI. No. | Name of the scheme | Funds released during the last three years | Funds utilized |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I | AH SECTOR | | |
| 1 | National Project for Cattle & Buffalo Breeding Programme | 549.00 | 187.00 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Assistance to States for Poultry/Duck Farms | 50.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | Professional Efficiency Development | 1.50 | 0.00 |
| 4 | National Project on Rinderpest Eradication | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| 5 | Assistance to State for Fodder Development | 68.35 | 68.35 |
| 6 | Livestock Insurance | 135.00 | 13.97 |
| | Total (AH) | 853.85 | 319.32 |
| **IL** | **DAIRY DEVELOPMENT SECTOR** | | |
| 7 | Intensive Dairy Development Programme | 296.04 | 90.89 |
| 8 | Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production | 36.54 | 8.02 |
| | Total (DD) | 332.58 | 98.91 |
| | Total (AH & DD) | 1186.43 | 418.23 |

**Revision of MSP**

2015. SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider the need for revising the methodology and the system of calculating the minimum support price of crops in view of the pathetic conditions of farmers, continuous increase in production cost and the incidents of suicides of farmers; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Government announces the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for specified agricultural commodities on the basis of recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the views of the State Governments and Central Ministries as well as such other factors considered important for fixation of support prices. The CACP, while formulating its recommendations on price policy considers important factors like cost of production, changes in input prices, productivity of different crops across States, demand - supply situation, domestic and international price trends, terms of trade between agriculture and non-agriculture sectors, need for crop diversification, resource use efficiency and food security.

The recommendations of the Expert Committee set up under the Chairmanship of Prof Y.K. Alagh to examine the methodological and related recommendations of